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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 11, 2018

**PRESENT:** Billy Whisenant, Carolyn Lawrence, Jerod Peek, Gil Cherry, Joseph Crouch, Ken Becker, Patty Torres

**CALL TO ORDER:** 10:30 AM by Chairman Billy Whisenant

**PRAYER:** Carolyn Lawrence

### ACTION ITEMS:

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The proposed slate of Officers was presented by Jerod Peek and seconded by Joseph Crouch. They are as follows;

President: Billy Whisenant, Vice President: Carolyn Lawrence, & Secretary: Gil Cherry. Jerod's motion passed.

**MINUTES:** Board to review and consider approving minutes from the October 11, 2018 meeting. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve the minutes. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Board to review and consider approving accounts payables. Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the accounts payables. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

**FINANCIALS:** Board to review and consider approving the August 2018 financial statements. Patty Torres explained how the financial would look different for the next few months until all accounts were on the MDD financial statement. Joseph Crouch made the motion to approve the financials. Jerod Peek seconded. The motion carried.

**Resolution 2018-005:** "Repeal of Communications Tax Exemption" (attached) – Jerod Peek made the motion to approve the resolution with a second by Carolyn Lawrence. The motion carried.

**Icy Breeze Incentive Agreement:** Ken Becker presented (attached) a draft Incentive Agreement for Icy Breeze. The agreement included input from the Board and John Brinkman, Icy Breeze President. Carolyn Lawrence made the motion to accept the presented incentive agreement with a second by Jerod Peek. The motion carried.

### **Executive Director Update (Ken Becker):**

- The USG tour was a success w/ TWC Commissioner Julian Alvarez, Senator Charles Perry, & Representative Stan Lambert in attendance with several local dignitaries.
- SEED Staff led Future Sweetwater tours of Ludlum's & USG
- The Sulphur Springs "Downtown Tour" was scheduled for Oct. 26-27, 2018. The trip was suggested and set up by Joseph Crouch
- The SEED MDD Façade Program was approved and will be distributed by SEED staff to Community Bankers, Real Estate Agents & Offices, and distributed to downtown businesses.
- Staff replacement – 7 applications have been received. Staff is working w/ City HR Director Lisa Adames. Interviews are to be set up in early November. Joseph Crouch suggested we post it on Indeed.
- SEED MDD meeting for November is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Housing: Joseph Crouch will be setting up an appointment w/ a developer from Abilene. Group from San Angelo purchased a 29 acre parcel off of Newman Street.
- RPMH: Hosting a Rural Recruitment Reimagines seminar – Chamber & SEED MDD staff were invited to attend.

Board to consider entering Executive Session. Carolyn Lawrence made the motion to move into Executive Session. Joseph Crouch seconded. The motion carried.

Board to consider re-entering Regular Session. Joseph Crouch made the motion to re-enter into Regular Session. Carolyn Lawrence seconded. The motion carried.

There being no further business, Jerod Peek made the motion to adjourn with a second from Carolyn Lawrence. The motion carried.